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There is a question, he said, as to whether the money so expended could not be more profitably used in providing convalescent homes and improving dwellings.

At the last meeting of the conference, Dr. Maragliano, of Genoa, spoke of the importance of organic immunity against tuberculosis and means of developing it. The ideal, he stated, is to make and keep the constitution refractory to the disease. It would, therefore, be useful to advise and encourage the creating of scientific institutions supplying, free of charge, the means conducive to immunity. Such institutions would also be useful in making researches necessary for the early diagnosis of the disease.

Further proceedings of the conference were of a business nature and confined to meetings of the private council.

J. M. EAGER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *November 13, 1902.*

For the week ended November 8, 1902, 5 vessels were inspected, having an aggregate personnel of 482 crew and 834 passengers; 468 steerage passengers were bathed and 532 pieces of baggage were disinfected.

During the above period no new cases of plague were reported; as previously mentioned, 1 pest death occurred in Yokohama on the 2d instant.

DUNLOP MOORE,
Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

PORTO RICO.

Transactions at San Juan and subports for November, 1902.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *December 4, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of quarantine transactions at this and the 6 subports of the island of Porto Rico, for the month of November, 1902:

San Juan.—Number of vessels inspected, 29; bills of health issued, 27; pieces of baggage disinfected, 3; persons detained at the quarantine station for observation, 2; persons vaccinated, none; vessels detained in quarantine, 4; vessels disinfected, 2.

On the 17th the French steamship *Saint Simon* entered from St. Marc, Gonaives, Petit Goave, Port au Prince, Cape Haitien, Puerto Plata, and Sanchez. All bills of health presented by this vessel were clean, and all passengers for Porto Rico were permitted to land. She brought no baggage requiring disinfection, but the ship was held in quarantine, under guard, while in this port.

The Spanish steamship *Montevideo* arrived on the 19th, from Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Sabanilla, Curaçao, Puerto Cabello, and La Guaira via Ponce. She brought 2 nonimmune passengers requiring detention, and 3 pieces of baggage, effects of these passengers, for disinfection. The vessel was held in quarantine, under guard, while she remained in this port.